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FM AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, NS, US

SUBJ: SURINAM AND US WEAPONS

1. THE APRIL 14, 1976, PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION THAT ADDED SURINAM TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR FMS, DULY PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON AND INTENDED SIMPLY TO REGULARIZE THE TURNOVER FROM THE NETHERLANDS TO SURINAM OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF OUTDATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, HAS NOW "LEAKED" IN THE SURINAM PRESS AS THE RESULT OF A REPORTED RADIO BROADCAST IN HOLLAND BY ONE JAN VAN DER PUTTEN. THIS FOLLOWS PREVIOUS SIMILAR "LEAK" IN GUYANA AND ELSEWHERE ALLEGING THAT THE PROCESS WAS ACTUALLY A SECRET USGOVERNMENT DECISION TO "ARM" SURINAM, AND THAT IS THE WAY IT HAS NOW BEEN PLAYED IN THE PRESS HERE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, VAN DER PUTTEN CLAIMED THAT PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM OF GUYANA SEES THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO SURINAM AS PART OF A WIDER STRATEGY DESIGNED TO OVERTHROW HIS GOVERNMENT, INVOLVING BRAZIL, VENEZUELA AND SURINAM.

IN AN EDITORIAL REACTION, THE NEWSPAPER VRIJE STEM WARNS

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SURINAM AGAINST INVOLVEMENT IN ANY "AMERICAN ADVENTURE AGAINST

GUYANA" AND SAYS THAT SURINAM WOULD BE THE FIRST VICTIM OF  
ANY COOPERATION WITH THE "ULTRA-RIGHTIST" GOVERNMENTS OF  
BRAZIL AND THE US AIMED AT CAUSING THE DOWNFALL OF THE  
SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OF NEIGHBORING GUYANA.  
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